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1. PER REFTELS, REQUEST DEPT PASS FOLLOWING PERSONAL
MESSAGE TO S. DILLON RIPLEY, SECRETARY, SMITHSONIAN
INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON,D.C.; AND TO THEODORE REED,
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ZOO, WASHINGTON, D.C.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR :

I KNOW YOUR WERE HEARTSICK, AS I WAS, TO LEARN
RECENTLY OF THE KILLING OF "UNCLE BERT" AND "MACHO,"
TWO OF THE WORLD'S FEW REMAINING MOUNTAIN GORILLAS, IN
RWANDA'S VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK. YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE,
AS I AM, OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS OF THE RWANDAN
GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE ITS PARK PATROL SERVICE, SUPPRESS
POACHING, AND PUNISH OFFENDERS.

UNFORTUNATELY, RWANDA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S POOREST
AND MOST OVERPOPULATED COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRST
PRIORITY MUST BE TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO SATISFY BASIC
HUMAN NEEDS AMONG ITS POPULATION, AND IT HAS PRECIOUS
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FEW RESOURCES LEFT OVER TO ATTEND TO SECOND PRIORITIES,
SUCH AS FAUNA PRESERVATION, HOWEVER MUCH IMPORTANCE IT
MAY (AND DOES) ATTACH TO THESE. THUS RWANDA NEEDS AND
EARNESTLY SEEKS OUTSIDE HELP IN PROTECTING ITS MOUNTAIN
GORILLAS.

UPCOMING MEETING AT ASHKHABAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL

UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR WORLD CONSERVATION LEADERS TO COLLABORATE IN A SERIOUS, LONG-TERM EFFORT TO UPGRADE MANAGEMENT OF VOLCANO PARK AND PRESERVE ITS GORILLAS. RWANDA PARKS DIRECTOR DISMAS NSABIMANA WILL PRESENT AN APPEAL TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN IN MODEST PROGRAM OF PARK IMPROVEMENT, GUARD TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE. DR. DIAN FOSSEY, NOTED AMERICAN RESEARCHER WHO HAS STUDIED MOUNTAIN GORILLAS IN VOLCANO NATIONAL PARK FOR ELEVEN YEARS, HOPES TO JOIN IN THIS PRESENTATION.

I APPEAL TO YOU PERSONALLY TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT AT ASHKHABAT TO PUT TOGETHER A COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM IN BEHALF OF RWANDA'S VOLCANO PARK AND ITS MOUNTAIN GORILLAS. SINCERELY, CRIGLER, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR KIGALI.
END TEXT.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: RECOGNIZE BURDEN TRANSMITTING THESE MESSAGES HAS IMPOSED, AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. I SHALL NOT RPT NOT ASK FOR MORE, BUT I TRANSMIT HERewith LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH DEPT MIGHT PASS SIMILAR MSGS (IN MY NAME OR ITS OWN) IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE:

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE PROTECTION
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